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Joint Resolution

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[S.J. Res. 206]

To authorize and request the President to designate the month of December 1985, as
"Made in America Month".

Whereas the trade deficit in our country in 1984 reached a record level of \$123,000,000,000;

Whereas the 1985 trade deficit is predicted to increase to \$150,000,000,000;

Whereas over one and one-half million jobs have been lost in the manufacturing sector since 1980 as a direct result of imports;

Whereas imports now account for more than 20 per centum of all manufactured products sold in the United States;

Whereas imports continue to grow at an increasing rate and constitute a larger and larger percentage of all manufactured goods sold in this Nation;

Whereas the manufacturing sector of the United States economy is shrinking dramatically as a result of imports;

Whereas a continuing flood of imports of manufactured goods could permanently reduce the manufacturing capacity of our Nation and, as a direct result, threaten our ability to respond to a National emergency and make the United States highly vulnerable to embargoes of a wide range of products necessary for the National defense and the smooth functioning of the National economy;

Whereas there is little awareness of the country of origin of most products sold in the United States;

Whereas United States consumers should be aware of the impact that their purchase decisions could have on their own jobs and the economy as a whole; and

Whereas traditionally the United States Government has not effectively linked the growth of imports to the growth of domestic consumption: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is

authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the month of December 1985, as "Made in America Month" and to call upon Federal, State, and local government agencies, and the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved December 11, 1985.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 206:

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